

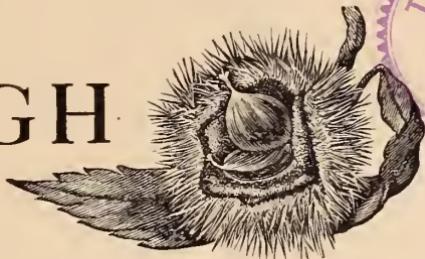




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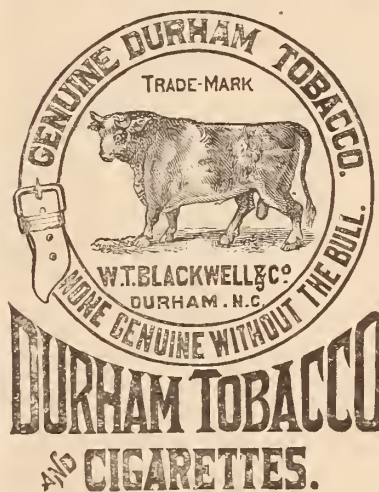
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will bring a number out at the best time at the beginning of each term, it will give one near the close of each term and one a few days after Founder's Day. We shall endeavor during the coming year despite the difficulties we will have to contend with—such as our inexperience in the editorial line, a lack of confidence and good feeling on the part of others, a desire of some for fault-finding—to make the paper successful; if we accomplish this much, we foresee for it a prosperity, *semper crescens*. At the end of this year, when we retire from our labors, there will be elected to succeed us those who, during the year have done the best and most efficient work for the paper. There will be two chosen from each of the then lowest three classes. These six will elect a seventh, and with him comprise the Board for the following year. We wish the LEHIGH BURR to be prosperous, and for that reason have decided on the above way of electing our successors, hoping it will stimulate active work and best forward the interests of the paper.

WE do not wish our little editorial growls to leave the impression on any mind that our University is a mass of crying abuses. Of course, to those who know her this warning is needless, but to the general public, a word will perhaps not be amiss.

As we understand it, the principal ends kept in view during the publication of a paper are these: information, amusement, reform, and editorial bread and butter. Now, in our case, the collegiate public is supposed, or supposes itself, to be above receiving information from us, and the Editors, of course, live on air; so that our list of aims is narrowed down to reform and amusement.

In pursuance of the former, we simply present matters as they appear to students' eyes, in the most forcible language at our command, and without any claim to infallibility.

AND why BURR? Because a burr contains all that is good—the kernel, the essence, the germ from which the tree springs, and yet it can not be picked up carelessly and opened thoughtlessly by him who will. It must be approached scientifically and in a spirit of reverence. In short, it may not be sat upon with impunity. And also BURR because as the inhabitants of certain parts of England are recognized by their burr, so Lehigh should be recognized and interpreted by her BURR, which is the index of her ideas, her aims and her achievements.

THE announcement of President Lambertson, at the presentation of the medals won at the sports on Founder's Day, that a committee with power to act on building a gymnasium had been appointed, the site chosen and the architect sent for, was received with such applause as might be expected from a body of students who have long talked of Lehigh's need of a gymnasium and of the prospects of getting it, and who, led on by rumors of its certainty, have anxiously waited in a state of suspense for more corroborative and authoritative information. The students all join to thank those who have been the cause of bringing such splendid news. The advantage that the gymnasium will be to the University can not be estimated.

THE sophomore class has elected as its Board of Editors for the *Epitome*, H. B. Douglas, C. O. Haines, S. D. Morford, A. P. Smith and J. A. Watson. The selection is a most wise one and this year an issue that will rival any former production, may reasonably be expected. We understand that it will be ready for distribution about the middle of January next. The cuts will be designed by R. Nuncio, the class artist. As it has never been the custom to make the matter, other than that which is statistical, of a very serious nature, it is unnecessary to warn the Editors on that point. However, if any weighty material is to

go in, let it be on some of our University topics and written in a manner readable to those not intimately acquainted with our affairs. Editors, we pray you, don't fill up space with jokes and "Quotations" so meaningless as to be unintelligible to those whom they are meant to hit.

IT has recently been made public that Saucon Hall, in its present capacity, is a drag upon the University; and that the authorities are considering the propriety of abandoning the use of Saucon and Christmas as boarding-places for students. To those now rooming in these buildings, this would be a rather serious blow, as it would not only deprive them of their present convenient lodging-place and necessitate their seeking new ones, but it would leave on their hands a lot of furniture which could be sold only at a sacrifice.

There is one thing, however, which we doubt not, would reconcile the occupants of Saucon and Christmas to the threatened change. This is the converting of one or both of the halls into University machine shops. That such shops are needed, no one will deny. The growing demand for *competent* mechanical engineers renders it imperative that Lehigh should have some place where the theoretical training of the University can be supplemented by the practical teaching in the shops. Would it not be well for the Executive Committee to give this matter serious consideration?

THERE is no reason why Lehigh should not have an excellent base ball nine. She surely possesses the required amount of talent, and her past record shows a steady improvement. The match between '83 and '84 last year displayed a decided taste for base ball; and taking into consideration the nature of the ground, the playing was fine on both sides. The spectators were perfectly satisfied. How could it be otherwise? The left fielder, standing knee-deep in a swamp, was as poorly off as the runner who had to climb a fence between first and second bases. As for seeing

the catcher from the right field, it was an impossibility. Under the circumstances the best nine in the country would have played poorly. We are in sad need of suitable grounds, and until they can be provided, the introduction of the national game, as a part of our athletics, will be as far distant as ever, and the sophomore-freshman game remain an annual farce. This is a subject which the Athletic Association should interest itself in, and not wait for an action of the University. It must be borne in mind that the new laboratory, chapel, and gymnasium are primary considerations; and it is not until these have been attended to that we can hope for her assistance.

IT is to be hoped that, by the time of our second issue, we can state the name of the professor of Mechanical Engineering about to be added to our Faculty. On the twelfth of this month the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees of the University held a meeting, established a chair of Mechanical Engineering and decided to procure a professor in that department as soon as possible. This is a great cause for congratulation, especially by those taking the Mechanical course. Up to this date the functions of the office have been performed by one who acted as an instructor of both Civil and Mechanical Engineering. There have long been professors at the heads of the other courses and the Mechanical students have had just cause to complain of their having no one to look after their interests. Good authority tells us that the professor will be here to take charge of his duties very soon. All the students express themselves as highly pleased with the selection of Prof. Williams to fill the chair of Mining and Geology. Prof. Williams graduated at Yale with the degree of A. B., and in 1875 took the degrees of A. C. and E. M. at Lehigh. He is a son of one of the members of the firm of the Baldwin Locomotive Works, and has already gained a reputation for his engineering abilities and scientific discoveries.

THE meeting of the Athletic Association held on Founder's Day was the slimmiest and most uninteresting of any that has been held for several years. Now, the question arises what was the cause of this; we rank third in athletics among our sister colleges, and we have a larger number of students this year than ever before. Of course, the weather and the unfortunate illness of several of the contestants had their influence, but they only aggravated an evil which has been apparent in former years. We allude to the almost wholesale failure, of those entered for certain events, to come to the scratch. This results almost entirely from the method of obtaining entries. We submit that the bawling out of names in chapel by admiring friends and facetious enemies, amid the hubbub and noise of the sophomore-freshman controversy, is not the best manner of entering an engagement of this nature, nor does any one blame a man for withdrawing who has thus been forced in against his will. If it is necessary, in order to fill up the programme, that entries should be called for in college meeting, let the business be done in a civilized, common-sense manner. And then, when a man has deliberately entered his name, let him train faithfully, and when his event is called, come to the scratch and do his best, be his opponents legion or be he as solitary Job in his affliction.

WE understand there has been some discussion concerning the Athletic Association paying the expenses of the Hop.

To begin with, it has always gone by the name of the *Athletic Hop*; next the Committee of Arrangements is appointed by the Athletic Committee, but after that, disclaim having anything to do with it, and have the audacity to ask those who attend it to pay the expenses, after they have paid the dues of the Association. Their argument seems to be this: there are members of the Association who do not dance, and for this reason it ought not be paid for from the Association's treasury. Let us

ask two questions. Is this argument expected to hold good for those who take no part in the sports in respect to their dues? Is it any more unreasonable for those who do not dance to help pay for the hop, than it is for those who do not participate in the games to help pay for the medals? There are some who are not athletes enough to jump five feet over a pole, but who do not object to do their jumping in a more moderate manner. If the games were conducted on the same principle, we imagine the medals would be few and small. The Association is sufficiently large to support both, and if it is not, we do not see why the finances should not be divided. Those who neither dance nor take an active part in the sports, have no one to blame but themselves, for, if they are not competent for the latter, they certainly are for the former.

FROM time immemorial it has been the custom in colleges for the younger two classes to wage unrelenting war with each other. Lehigh is no exception to the rule. The present freshman class entered strong, much too strong in number for their natural enemies, the sophomores. In due course of time, after much quibbling as to the day, came off, that event of events in the freshie's life, the cane rush. Quite a knot of spectators graced the occasion. In the start, the sophomores were out-witted, the freshmen reaching the campus with unbroken ranks. In an instant there was a general tussle; once the cane was in danger, but the gaps were soon filled up and henceforth it was only a prolongation of a hopeless struggle. The first rush lasted fifteen minutes, when all parties rested on their arms—or backs. Finally, the sophomore leader marshaled his forces for a last hopeless effort; theirs was the courage born of despair.

"Charge!" was the Captain's cry;  
 Theirs not to reason why,  
 Theirs not to make reply,  
 Theirs but to do, right spry;  
 Into the mob of "Fresh"  
 Strode the out-numbered.

Freshmen to the right of them,  
 Freshmen to the left of them,  
 Freshmen in front of them,  
 Volleyed (oaths) and thundered;  
 Stormed at with hoot and yell,  
 Boldly they rode and well,  
 Into the mob of "Fresh"  
 Into the rush pell-mell,  
 Strode the out-numbered.

Honor the brave and bold!  
 Long shall the tale be told,  
 Yea, when their babes are old —  
 How they were "sold."

It was short and hotly contested, but the sophomores, unlike Antaeus, rose ten times weaker each time they touched mother earth. At last, worn out by the unequal struggle, the "sophs" gave up, defeated but not vanquished.

THERE are a few men in the University who delight to suggest, and even start, all sorts of schemes, and then through want of energy, or fear that by some mistake they may be betrayed into doing a little more work than their fellow agitators, coolly let the plans drop. For instance, there was much talk, at one time last year, about giving a play at the Opera House for the benefit of the Athletic Association, and indeed a permanent dramatic club was suggested. Like most other plans concocted at the University, it has dwindled away and nothing more has been heard of it. Even the idea of a concert, to be given by the Glee Club, has been abandoned and the Glee Club itself seems almost a thing of the past and future. Admitting that the results produced by the Glee Club on last Washington's Birthday were not encouraging, it nevertheless seems a little absurd that sixteen intelligent men, with a fair aptitude at turning a tune, should be unable, after sufficient training by a competent instructor, to produce music worth hearing.

The primary trouble seems to be a want of music which shall meet the approval of the august individuals forming the club, each of whom when a new glee is suggested constitutes himself a critic and objects. The

remedy, which naturally suggests itself, is to find, in the first place, sixteen men who want, above all things, to have a Glee Club, and are not afraid of work, and then to appoint from among these a committee to choose the music. Supposing this accomplished, there still remain the difficulties occasioned by slim attendance and a want of continuity in practicing the pieces chosen. The attendance last year was fairly good, and was managed by a system of fines which seemed very nearly to answer the purpose, but the work done at the meetings was generally—through a desire to try all the pieces in the books, and a few others—simply nothing. All this could be overcome by having an instructor who, besides knowing something about music, should be firm and insist upon sticking to one thing until it is learned. With these precautions and (alas!) a few minor ones for the preservation of order, we see no reason why the Glee Club should not blossom into success and a celebrity sufficient, at least, to draw an audience when it wishes to give a concert.

THE advisability of the admission of students from other colleges into the University upon certificates alone, is a question in our mind. Either admit them without any examination or require one and have it under any circumstances. A student will pass an examination in a subject with one professor, while under another he fails with an equal amount of preparation. We are not convinced of the right of a professor to give a man a certificate upon any study, unless he knows he is prepared at that time to pass any examination in the same, and if this is the case then no certificate is required to gain admission to any college. Another important item is that of practical work. A recitation in which a certain amount of practical work is done, is one which makes a firm and lasting impression upon the student's mind, since it is not merely a verbal repetition of what he read an hour before in the text-book. Almost any one can

commit the book to memory, but nothing is so tiresome or discouraging to the scholar as to go to a recitation and hear nothing new from what he necessarily learned in preparing the lesson. We understand a large roll is not the object here—for a few good students give more satisfaction to the professor and to the University more credit than a larger number of a poorer quality. In as much as no tuition is charged, no benefit is derived from their presence unless they can master the subjects undertaken, in a manner satisfactory both to themselves and their instructors. The admission through certificates lays the University open to imposition, since the man thus admitted graduates with the same degree and shares alike with the four years' course student the honor and reputation which the graduate from this University has, and through the incompetency of the former, that standard may be lowered. We refer, of course, to admittance to the upper classes. We are fully aware it is not with a great degree of enthusiasm that a man, who has passed the studies we have on our entrance and in our freshman and sophomore years, will take his book to refresh the memory, in order to be able to pass his necessary examinations, but it is certainly not time wasted; and then again, if he does not feel inclined to take this trouble, let him go to a college where such a thing is not required or expected—for there are plenty such—but let this be a college to suit the ambition of those who do not consider it time thrown away to review the work of former years. There are many college students who know more about Calculus or Greek than they do about the geography or history of their own country. Yet such can get certificates proclaiming their knowledge of such minor (?) details without the slightest difficulty, and enter many colleges simply because they study advanced works. One might under the same hallucination, say that a stone, because it is polished, has necessarily no flaw. Do not understand us to say that a knowledge of geography or history is necessary to make an

engineer; we advance it merely as an illustration of the fact of the proficiency of some in advanced studies while ignorant of the work done in the city High Schools. This is not complimentary to the general knowledge of college students, and we have no doubt it is as unjust to one as it is applicable to another. How are we to distinguish which is the case? Not by his certificate, surely. Our argument is that a certificate is excellent to show what *has been* done but not what *can be* done at present. A man may graduate and take the degree of Civil Engineer—he receives his diploma. That shows his employer what he has done and if not too old, what he ought to be able to do; but we have serious doubts whether his employer would give him work, which he heretofore entrusted only to his old and tried engineer. He starts him at the simplest work, in other words, he examines him.

#### TO OUR CONTRIBUTORS.

**A** FEW words in reference to contributions seem to be necessary. Of course, we desire all the matter we can get and earnestly request all members of the University to participate in giving us articles of all kinds, whether poetry or prose, and items of interest of Lehigh or any college or university. From the alumni we would ask personal notes about themselves and others. The Editors of course, reserve the right to publish or not, any article, and do not necessarily adopt opinions expressed in one that is published. The writer will please make every contribution as pithy and as much to the point as possible, and accompany it with his name, which will or will not be printed as he may request. Whatever is not accepted will be returned, if so desired, and its contents and rejection known only to the Editor-in-chief. Please write on foolscap, and on only one side of the sheet. All matter designed for publication should be handed in before the tenth of the month for which issue it is intended.

EDITORS.

#### LAY OF THE BOLD SOPHOMORE AND THE DOUGHTY FRESHMAN..

**T**IS all along of a Sophomore bold,  
Which a hazing he would go:  
O listen with awe while I unfold  
The tale of guilt and woe.

He took fourteen of his comrades true,  
And they busted in the door:  
The Fresh was game, but what could he do  
Against three-quarter score?

O secret, black, and midnight deeds!  
My soul with horror sinks,  
My tender heart within me bleeds  
At sophomore high jinks.

Drop gently down, O curtain of night,  
And cover the scene of crime!  
For these sinful games abhor the light,  
And fly from my guileless rhymes.

A stern, vindictive purpose filled  
That Freshman's valiant soul:  
The blood of his foe must soon be spilled,  
And his honor's rent made whole.

He bided his time and laid him low,  
And went for that guilty Soph;  
And the tears of the angels above did flow  
When the bright mustache came off.

"The shaver is shaved, the engineer  
Hoist with his own petard:  
What is drink for the Freshman goose is beer  
For the gander Soph, old pard?"

But the Soph he hied to a wizard wise,  
Who dealt in the black black Art:  
"O what shall I do to stop my sighs,  
And mend my broken heart?"

Next morn in chapel the Fresh with awe  
Gazed on that lip so fair,  
And marveled much when on it they saw  
A beautiful coat of hair.

The wizard had got him out of the fix,  
And raised to life the slain;  
With Boodle's Capilli Restitutrix  
He had made It grow again!

**P**ROFESSOR, in recitation in Astronomy,  
"Mr. R., how much of the moon's surface can we see?"

Mr. R.—"I should think as much as is towards us."

## THE REASON WHY.

“**W**HY do I seem to find the hop dull? Well, you see I have lived here a number of years, and last year, for instance, I danced and frivoleed with seniors who have since then departed. Now, when their younger brothers, having successfully passed their entrance examinations, come along in nice new dress-suits and with bated breath ask me to dance, it gives me a realizing sense of time, and I feel—well, it makes me thoughtful. I am good-natured to a fault, but listening, with an encouraging smile, to their ideas about the music, or the floor, or the temperature of the room, makes me feel too much like an instructor of youth.” (Here she raised her fan gracefully to her lips, but the yawn got in ahead.) “And now, if you will kindly take me over to mamma, I will say thank you and good night.”

## THE FACULTY OF JUDGMENT.

**M**AN is by nature endowed with the faculty of judgment, by which he can discern the good, the true, and the beautiful. Each one has his own standard, according to which he estimates the productions of literature and art, each one an individual opinion concerning the deeds and misdeeds of men. There is within man a something which approves or disapproves.

This faculty, as every other gift of nature, is capable of improvement. We would not place the verdict of an unlearned man, upon some literary work, on a par with that of a scholar; nor would we be willing to condemn a production of some great master unless with the sanction of a connoisseur. But the unprejudiced opinions of men on subjects in which they are equally qualified are of equal weight, no matter how widely they may differ.

It is of the utmost importance for young men, who are laying the foundation upon which their future attainments are to rise as a noble edifice, to exercise an independent judgment, to weigh well the words and thoughts of others,

Thus they will derive the greater benefit from their labors, and the structure become stronger and more stately. Without a good judgment, knowledge lies in the mind a useless burden; with it, it becomes a storehouse whence we can draw for present and for future use. By its aid we can sift the bad from the good, the useless from the useful, the unimportant from that which will render us truly wise.

The great impediment to the formation of an individual judgment is a lack of self-confidence. We are constantly endeavoring to make our thoughts and ideas agree with those of the great and learned. We fear to express an opinion at variance with the one commonly received, lest we incur the displeasure of society and bring upon ourselves the censure of aucauity. How seldom is criticism unbiased—how seldom are men's minds free from prepossessions! Shall we then blindly adhere to the *dicta* of others and aid in perpetuating their erroneous opinions? Wholly to discard the sentiments of another would be wrong; to yield implicitly would be unmanly.

In all subjects there is room for difference of opinion. There are some definite limits by which all minds are restrained; but within these limits each one is allowed to wander at large. It is this principle that gives rise to the different systems of ethics and morals among the civilized nations of the the earth. The origin of the different divisions of the Protestant Church, too, may be traced to this source.

Though one man may approve of what another condemns, the evil that results from blind submission is far greater than that which results from obeying the dictates of one's own judgment—things beyond the grasp of man being expected. Curbed by the former, great minds have been led in the paths of error; urged on by the latter, others have sought for and found the principles of truth.

The opinions of men, who have penetrated deeply in the mine of knowledge, demand respect and are worthy of due consideration. Yet these should be regarded rather as auxili-

aries in fashioning our own sentiments, than as models for our imitation and acceptance.

The concurrence of learned men on topics that admit of discussion is very strong evidence in favor of their opinions. But their learning frequently leads them to errors of which a man, armed with the simple gifts of nature, keeps clear.

There is at present a tendency to depend altogether too much upon the judgments of others. We no longer read a book to judge of its merits, but read a review that has been prepared by some professed critic. We do not study an author that we may become acquainted with his style and sentiment, but read a few volumes that have been recommended as his best productions, and, according to these, judge of his abilities and deficiencies.

This is doing injustice not only to the author, but also to ourselves. Diligent study brings to light many beauties that casual reading overlooks; and critical reading is a very good mental discipline.

In practical life there is nothing of greater importance than a good, sound judgment. By this our attainments will be measured; with this we may enter life's battle secure of success.

#### TO A MONOGRAM BANGLE.

MAY Cupid speed thee, little coin,  
To tell my lady fair  
That I'd give a score like thy own bright self  
For a lock of her golden hair.

But now that thou art with me,  
I think as I hold thee here:  
"Thou could'st knock the spots from my last wash-bill,  
And leave a small margin for beer."

#### FOUNDER'S DAY.

OCT. 13TH.—MORNING EXERCISES.

AT a few minutes before eleven a procession, consisting of the freshmen, sophomores, juniors and seniors of Lehigh, the alumni, many invited guests, the faculty of Lehigh, the board of trustees and the orator of the day—the Hon. Samuel J. Randall—and President

Lamberton, formed at the Library and marched to Packer Hall. The orator, President Lamberton, the trustees, faculty, alumni, and guests took seats on the platform. The body of the room was literally crowded. The devotional exercises were conducted by Prof. Bird, the chaplain of the University. When Mr. Randall was introduced by the President, he was greeted with "loud and prolonged applause," which had hardly subsided, when the students rose in a body and gave the college cheer for the distinguished gentleman who was about to make the address. Mr. Randall spoke nearly an hour, dwelling considerably on the life of Asa Packer. Among those present were many distinguished in politics, science, and education. Philadelphia's renowned Hassler's Orchestra furnished fine music for the occasion, and in the evening, for the hop.

#### THE AFTERNOON AND EVENING EXERCISES.

A little after noon the clouds which had been threatening all the morning broke away and the sun shone forth, but it was only for a few minutes. About 1:30 the tide began to set towards the grounds of the Athletic Association and by 2:30 there were 600 people within the gates. On account of the non-appearance of the contestants in the first event, the committee departed from the regular order of the programme, and like some novel-reading young ladies, began at the middle and worked both ways. The actual order of events was as follows:

##### *One Mile Walk.*

C. C. Cook, '83, J. P. Baldy, '85.

Winner—J. P. Baldy, '85.

Time—9 min. 17 sec.

##### *Hundred Yards Dash.*

A. S. Reeves, '84, F. W. Dalrymple, '83,

J. H. Wells, '85.

Winner—F. W. Dalrymple, '83.

Time—10 $\frac{3}{4}$ .

##### *Throwing the Hammer—16lbs. (Handicap)*

N. Morrow, '83, (8 ft.), H. A. Porterfield, '83, (8 ft.),

W. T. Wilson, '83, (scratch).

Winner—N. Morrow, '83.

Distance—62 ft. 3 in.

2d—H. A. Porterfield, '83.

Distance—59 ft. 11 in.

*Standing High Jump.*

C. H. Stinson, '83, F. W. Dalrymple, '83,

J. H. Wells, '85.

Winner—C. H. Stinson, '83.

Height—4 ft. 6 in.

2d—F. W. Dalrymple, '83.

Height—4 ft. 3 in.

*220 Yards Dash.*

H. A. Butler, '83, A. E. Forstall, '83.

Winner—H. A. Butler, '83.

Time—25 min. 30 sec.

*Half-Mile Run.*

A. E. Forstall, '83, J. Morrow, '84.

J. H. Wells, '85, W. B. Foote, '84.

Winner—J. H. Wells, '85. Time—2 min. 19 $\frac{3}{4}$  sec.

2d—A. E. Forstall, '83. Time—2 min. 23 $\frac{3}{4}$  sec.

*Putting the Shot.—(Handicap.)*

W. T. Wilson, '83 (scr'tch), C. H. Stinson, '83 (4 ft.).

B. E. Rhoad, '85 (4 ft.).

Winner—C. H. Stinson, '83. Distance—28 ft. 10 in.

2d—B. E. Rhoad, '85. Distance—28 ft. 5 in.

*Tug of War. (600 lbs. Limit.)*

L. O. Emmerich, '82, F. H. Purnell, '83,

F. J. Donahoe, '82, H. A. Porterfield, '83,

M. Wittmer, '82, G. F. Duck, '83,

J. D. Ruff, '82, W. B. Briggs, '83.

Winning Team, '83. Time—10 minutes.

*Strangers' Race. (100 Yards Dash.)*

B. W. McIntosh, Lafayette College,

Hugh Kelly, South Bethlehem,

Tilghman Pauley, Bethlehem.

Winner—B. W. McIntosh. Time—10 $\frac{1}{2}$  sec.

*Hurdle Race.—(120 Yards—10 Hurdles.)*

A. E. Forstall, '83, J. Morrow, '84,

L. Focht, '84, F. W. Dalrymple, '83.

Winner—F. W. Dalrymple, '83.

Time—21 seconds.

*Running Broad Jump.*

H. K. Myers, '84, B. E. Rhoad, '85,

J. H. Flemming, '85, C. H. Stinson, '83,

Winner—C. H. Stinson, '83. Distance—17 ft. 6 in.

*440 Yards Dash.*

H. A. Butler, '83, C. M. Tolman, '85,

E. F. Miller, '83, T. J. Donahoe, '82.

Winner—H. A. Butler, '83.

Time—59 seconds.

2d—C. M. Tolman, '85.

Time—60 seconds.

*Pole Vaulting.—(Handicap.)*

F. W. Dalrymple, '83, H. B. Douglass, '84 (1 ft. 5 in.),

W. H. Godshall, '84 (1 ft. 5 in.)

Winner—W. H. Godshall, '84.

Height—8 ft. 9 in.

*Tug of War.—(Final Heat.)*

H. D. Peet, '85, F. H. Purnell, '83,

M. Anthon, '85, H. A. Porterfield, '83,

P. Q. Whitehead, '85, W. B. Briggs, '83,

J. Mengle, '85, G. F. Duck, '83.

Winning Team, '85. Time—10 minutes.

Owing to the absence or withdrawal of certain contestants, the mile run and the running high jump were omitted. At ten minutes before four it commenced to rain and kept up a miserable drizzle for the rest of the afternoon. There are one or two points which are not brought out in the score, and which need a few words of explanation. In every one of the handicapped events the person laboring under that disadvantage made the best record, but being unable to fill up the gap between himself and his fellows, failed of obtaining the prize. Thus in the pole-vault Mr. Dalrymple ('83) made 9 ft. 6 in., which exceeds the best collegiate record by 2 inches. In the second heat of the tug of war, '83's team labored under some disadvantage in having to meet an entirely fresh team, while they themselves were somewhat exhausted by their previous ten-minute struggle with '82's team.

Although the athletic contests hardly equaled those of former years, the hop proved a thorough success. A slight fall of rain in the evening, sufficient in itself to cause the fire-works to be postponed, seemed to have no effect upon the light-hearted youth and beauty who thronged the drawing-room.

At 8.30 o'clock President Lamberton addressed the Association and invited guests in a few well-chosen remarks, and concluded by saying that the much-talked-of, and long-expected gymnasium would soon be in existence, for the purpose of erecting which, a committee had been appointed with full power to act, a site selected, and an architect employed. The awarding of medals then took place. Hearty applause followed each announcement, which was all the more marked when Mr. McIntosh, of Lafayette, the winner of the Strangers' Race, stepped forward to receive his medal and the congratulations of the President.

The music started, the dancers commenced, and "all went merry as a marriage bell." The drawing-room was comfortably filled with the followers of Terpsichore, while the door-ways were crowded with lovers of good music, or those who came to see the sparkling eyes and graceful forms of the waltzers. The refreshments were served at midnight and after a rather long intermission, the dancing was resumed, and lasted until 2 o'clock. When the last dance ended and the lights had been put out, old Packer Hall was left to slumber on in gloomy silence.

I STOLE my arm around her waist,  
For so the Fates had weaved it.  
And murmured nonsense in her ear,  
And she—said she believed it.

And ah! she seemed to lean on me,  
Her sweet breath played upon me,  
I've done the same to scores of girls,  
But this had near undone me.

What's that you say? "Fine thing to tell!"  
Why, Sir, it was entrancing  
"You don't doubt that—but still 'twas wrong?"  
Oh! Prude! We were but dancing!

JADY ARR.

#### VICE-PRESIDENTS.

IN March, 1841, Gen. Harrison, supported by an able cabinet, assumed the reins of Government. One short month later, worn out by sickness, the cares of State, the strife

of factions, and the scramble for patronage, he gladly exchanged earthly rule for eternal rest. His successor, however, was a man able and willing to take upon himself the cares and responsibilities of power. Coming to the Presidency without that entire confidence of his party, necessary for a successful administration, he soon became embarrassed in controversies with the political leaders. The breach once opened, naturally widened with the most disastrous results to himself, the Whigs, and the country.

In the next Vice-President, who succeeded to the Presidency, the people were more fortunate. Mr. Fillmore was certainly a statesman of no mean calibre, and in all probability the Government was administered with more vigor and ability than it would have been had Gen. Taylor lived.

Andrew Johnson we do not judge. History has not yet rendered her deliberate verdict as to what in his administration was good and what was bad, what was erroneous and what was not; whether the errors were of the head or the heart, we leave to him and future generations to decide.

Now we have to deal with the present. The country has suffered a great calamity in the death of its President. But it was the decree of fate, and the American people have accepted the inevitable with the good grace characteristic of the Anglo-Saxon race. Mr. Arthur has become President of the United States, not by his own act or the influence of his friends, but in obedience to the mandate of our forefathers—the call of the Constitution—and as such he should receive the sympathy of every good citizen. The very fact that he took his seat not as the representative of constitutional law and order, should secure to him the support of all right-minded men. Let us not prejudice him; let us extend to him the same confidence, the same friendly hand that we did to his predecessor, and then await his actions. He is indebted to no party, faction or leader for his position. Certainly, no man ever had a better

opportunity to prove himself an unbiased patriot, a ruler of the whole people. No matter what he was, who were his political associates or whatever his former actions, let him show himself worthy of esteem, and he will find the people ready to forgive and forget. His policy must be that which the condition of the State and his judgment dictate. If his views should coincide with those of his predecessor, well and good, but let him accept no policy because it was that of Gen. Garfield. He is now President, and he alone is responsible for the sins of omission and commission. This is his administration, he must stamp it with his individuality.

#### KERNELS.

- Please pay your subscription.
- The freshman class number 64 men.
- Kline's cider is mightier than the sword.
- Mr. R. Stinson has joined the Bicycle Club.
- '84 goes to the mines on Saturday, October 23.
- There are over fifty boarders at Christmas Hall.
- Our chestnut crop is an imaginary quantity this fall.
- Prof Bird commences a series of sermons on Ethics, Sunday, Oct. 16th
- Dr. Green has commenced his lectures on Physiology to the freshman class
- A sophomore said his pony was only "a few notes." He got a zero though.
- Messrs. Butler, Purnell, R. R. Peale and J. Peale have left Saucon Hall
- The tennis clubs are to have their lawn at the western end of the grounds.
- The Allentown Fair did not number as many students among its victims this year as usual.
- Action and reaction are equal. The cane rush has resulted in a rush on the cane market.
- The *Argo*, in answer to an anxious questioner, says, "Yes, Ishmaelite is the ancient Hebrew for tramp."
- Blessed is the man who sendeth grapes to the Editors. May his days be long in the land where those grapes grow
- Wong, Whang, and Chin, three of Lafayette's chinamen, called back to China, were former members of '83, Lehigh.
- If the address of any of our subscribers is wrong, or if the BURR does not arrive promptly, please inform the Editors.

—The choir has re-organized, and at a meeting on Oct. 6th, Mr. Ruff was elected President, and Mr. Goldsmith, Secretary.

—'85 have accepted a challenge from the freshmen of Lafayette college to play a game of base ball on Saturday, Oct. 29th.

—Yale came out ahead in foot ball and base ball last year, but where was she in athletic sports? Fourth, just behind Lehigh.

—The Boston young lady of culture does not call it the Irish Land Bill. She designates it as the Celtic Real Estate William.—*Yale News*.

—The millenium dawns. The gymnasium is practically a fact, and the professor in Mechanical Engineering looms dimly in the near future.

—The Director of the Library has shut down on the practice of eating lunches in that building. Verily, the way of the overtowner is hard.

—Instructor (loquitor), "Which is my brother? up there behind the post—lunkheaded fellow—one of these funny hats on—looks something like me."

—Professor Chandler has returned from his European tour, looking well. He has evidently been living on the fat of the land, and has assimilated 15 or 20 pounds of it.

—How doth the flunking Freshy  
Spur on each lagging power,  
And cram his mathematics  
In the guileless Ringer's hour.

—The freshies who lift up their tuneful (?) voices and otherwise disport themselves in midnight gambols about the Halls, are warned; a vigilance committee is being organized.

—The heating apparatus of Saucon Hall has employed its Summer vacation in getting rusty and generally stuffed up. Result: during the cold snap plenty of CO<sub>2</sub> with traces of H<sub>2</sub>S.

—Many thanks are due to Prof Chandler for his kindness in giving the Editors the privileges of alcove readers in the Library. It will be of inestimable value to the success of the BURR.

—There are reports to the effect that, besides the gymnasium, another building is to be built containing a large hall in which to hold commencements. The drawing room is rapidly becoming too small.

—The announcement in the *Philadelphia Times*, that P. Q. Wells, '85, ran the *mile and a half* in 2 min. 19 sec., will doubtless astonish the sporting world. The man who wrote that article has a future before him.

—The display of fireworks which was postponed, on account of the weather, from Founder's Day until the evening of the 15th inst., was a grand success and was witnessed by a large crowd of students and natives.

—Apropos to the discussion as to whether the names of the different classes ought to begin with capitals or not, Prof. Bird says there is a freshman who writes freshman with a small *f* and sophomore with a large *s*. Poor fellow.

—An Allentown paper gravely stated that over 2,000 people witnessed the display of fireworks, Thursday evening, Oct. 13th. As a specimen of previously cut and dried reporting this "acquires the confection?"

—Two freshmen rooming together observe the strictest formality in all their intercourse. When one turns over in bed he says, "Sam, excuse my back." Sam replies, "Don't mention it: the pleasure is mine."—*Courant*.

—He tried when out with his girl,  
His arm around her to cirl;  
But away she floe,  
And cried, "Shoe, Shoe!  
You awfully wicked chirl."

—Among the additions to our number this year, there are three men who have taken degrees from other colleges: Mr. Cowan, B. A., now in '85; Mr. Wilmarth, B. S., a special; and Mr. de Bruyn Kops, B. E., quasi senior.

—The Literary Society is again in working order, with the following officers: J. W. Leithead, President; R. R. Peale, Vice President; J. A. Watson, Secretary; E. F. Miller, Treasurer; and A. E. Forstall, E. K. Bachman and R. G. Cooke, Committee of Curators.

—The miners of '82 have been so backward in this term's work, that Prof. Williams has decided to examine them in what they have already done in Lithology. All those who do not succeed in passing, will have to stop and take it next year. Pretty fresh for the new man!

—Brace up, boys! The faculty has passed a new rule to the effect that if any one fails to pass the examination in any subject, he must make it up within one year, or else he will be put back into the next lower class, and be compelled to retake all of the studies of that class.

—Who bossed the draping of Packer Hall! It is a shame that that building could not have been better draped. It was even a subject of conversation on the passing railroad trains. The simple festoon over the entrance to the Library was far more tasteful and a less provocation of derision.

—It is understood there is to be a Junior prize in oratory awarded this year; a medal valued at about \$20. We would suggest that the equivalent in cash would be more acceptable, and consequently produce better results in the way of competition. Filthy lucre is a stronger incentive than honor to the average student, while in the case of a money prize they go together.

—Those who went to hear "Baron Rudolph" were certainly well repaid. The Opera House was completely filled, as is generally the case when a good play comes along. It is a cause for wonder that Bethlehem is passed by good troupes so much, while there is always to be found here a large audience, composed partly of a crowd of students anxious to "take in" anything.

—The sophomore and freshman classes met on the afternoon of Saturday, Oct. 15th, for their annual base ball contest and with the result of last year. The score of 20 to 9 in favor of the freshmen, six innings being played, does not speak well for our proficiency in the great American game; but there is this consolation, that it is a better score than last year's. Perhaps by the

time the college is 1000 years old, the athletic grounds will be graded and base ball will cease to be a lost art here.

—Students at the hops seem to think that all claim to social distinction must be forfeited by him who fails to be among the first to get refreshments for himself and partner. As a consequence of this, there was a disgraceful amount of pushing and crowding around the tables at the Athletic Hop, the other night. The only other circumstance which ruffled the general smoothness was the affair of the cigarettes. The cigarettes in the gentlemen's dressing room were put there by the enterprising attendant, in order that a man might have a smoke between the dances if so disposed. Those who took whole handfuls, although they may have supposed that they were robbing the Hop Committee, and not the hired attendant, were doing, nevertheless, a very unbecoming thing, unless, as charity might suggest, they only took them to stop the practice of smoking between the dances, which is certainly not one of the best.

—Phillips Academy, Andover, has over 200 students.

—Williams has over 100 freshmen; Dartmouth, 75; Yale, 153; Princeton, 195; Harvard, 210.

—Yates is agitating herself over a proposed cessation of the conservative policy of the students of the Academic department toward the Sheffield Scientific School.

—Cornell will start a ball nine to take the place of her defeated boat crew. She is not yet tired of hearing herself decry Shinkel. New developments in his case are being made continually.

—The trouble which Lehigh generally has in making those who enter her semi-annual athletic sports, "come to the Scratch," seems to be almost universal. Yale growls, because she can't make them even enter and complains about this unsystematic manner of training.

—It has been a favorite theory with some people that the success of a college in athletics in the Spring previous determines to a great extent the number of the incoming class. This year has been a particularly fortunate year to test the truth of this belief, for never before have we been so successful in every form of athletic sports. But lo, and behold! the class of '85, if report be true, is rather smaller than any of its immediate predecessors were in freshman year. Evidently this pet theory, must go where so many have gone before it.—*Yale Courant*. The theory was good for Lehigh this year, for our freshman class is larger than for a number of years previous.

—On Saturday, October 1st, the Princeton sophomores played the sophomores of Lafayette a game of base ball on the campus at Easton. The game resulted in an easy victory for Princeton, with a score of 7 to 2. For three innings the game gave promise of being very close, standing at the end of the inning 1 to 0 in favor of Lafayette. In the fourth inning, however, Lafayette became badly demoralized, giving Princeton 3 runs by errors. For the remainder of the game Lafayette made a very poor show, batting badly and fielding worse. The following is the score by innings.

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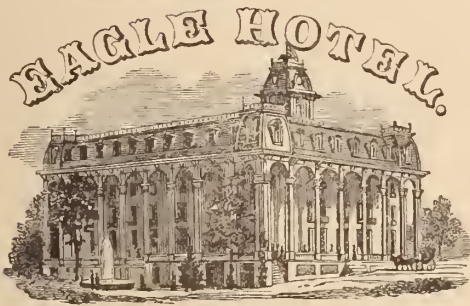
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